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**TO: Economic Support Supervisors
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PRIORITY: High

SUBJECT: IRWES for all EBD Medicaid

CROSS REFERENCE: MA Handbook 15.3.4

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE

Inform agencies of a change in policy regarding IRWE (Impairment Related Work Expense) deductions for all Medicaid programs for the elderly, blind and disabled.

BACKGROUND

The Medicaid Handbook and CARES allowed blind work expenses for EBD cases.

NEW POLICY

IRWEs are now given to all categories of EBD Medicaid.

The blind work expense was expanded to include all IRWEs. IRWEs are now an allowable deduction for all categories of EBD Medicaid. The entry in CARES should be made on screen AFBW (Impairment Related Work Expense).

OTHER PROGRAMS:

There is no impact on other programs.

IMPACT ON FORMS OR INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

MA Handbook release 02-03 includes the IRWE policy in 15.3.4.

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